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Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10037

Re: Eleventh Avenue One-Way Plan.

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) thanks the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) for incorporating many of our recommendations in the design of the Eleventh Avenue project. At its December 6th Full Board Meeting, MCB4 voted 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote in support of the proposed design (dubbed Alternative 7) for converting Eleventh Avenue to one-way southbound north of 40th Street with the following added features¹:

- The one-way southbound portion will extend from 40th to 57th Street
- 54th Street will be converted to one-way eastbound between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues (from currently two-way)
- A parking protected bike lane will be installed from 43rd to 57th Street on the east side of the avenue
- The parking lane on the west side of the avenue will be 11 feet wide to allow the future installation of a dedicated bus lane.
- From 34th to 57th Streets, six bulb outs will be painted
- 14 median islands will be installed (raised in concrete in Spring 2019)
- 20 pedestrian refuges will be installed (raised in concrete in spring 2019)

We are delighted that this design will deliver a true “complete street” to our neighborhood: it will add car capacity, bike capacity and preserve the option to

¹ See our previous letter at http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb4/downloads/pdf/13_letter_to_dot_re_11th_ave_safety_improvements.pdf

install a bus lane in the future. It will also deliver numerous pedestrian safety features.

We reiterate our requests already expressed in previous letters that:

- The signal treatment installed at intersections will bring even more safety to this design (including a Barne's dance at 40th Street, lagging green turn arrows at 34th, 42nd and 57th Streets and split LPIs at left turns to protect intersections with accessible signals to be added at all new signals.
- The signal timing along the avenue is consistent with the 25mph speed limit 24 hours a day.
- A project to communicate and educate drivers will be undertaken to make sure drivers are clear on the new traffic patterns. We look forward to working with DOT on this next phase.

We understand the project will be implemented in Spring 2018. Please confirm the installation dates for the whole project, including the date for the pouring of the concrete.

Sincerely,



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